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RELOCATES TO CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

CHARLESTON, S.C., Feb. 15, 2008 – Mary Helen McCoy Fine Antiques, one of the nation’s premier sources for fine and unusual, period 16th - 19th century French furniture and decorative arts, is relocating to Charleston, S.C. from Birmingham, Ala. The gallery will open its doors on Monday, March 10, 2008. The newly renovated, 3,200 square-foot showroom, which is more than double the size of the former one in Birmingham, is located at 120 King Street.

Mary Helen McCoy launched her firm in her native city of Birmingham in 1990 and opened her gallery there in 1998. Last March, she decided to relocate her firm to Charleston.

“We are very excited about opening our gallery in Charleston,” Mary Helen said. “Even though we were successful in Birmingham, after an extensive market analysis, we concluded that Charleston would offer us greater opportunity to flourish over the long-term. Its demographics are excellent and the city’s rich history, culture, and beautiful surroundings make it a premier destination for travelers. Moreover, Charleston has the renowned *Charleston International Antiques Show* in which we are fortunate to exhibit and is home to a port which makes logistics easier.”

In addition to catering to the Charleston market, Mary Helen McCoy Fine Antiques will pursue opportunities to increase its exposure both nationally and internationally by continuing to exhibit in other prominent national and international fine art and antiques shows, such as *The International Fine Art and Antique Dealers Show* in New York City this coming October.

Mary Helen McCoy Fine Antiques, a destination for collectors and leading designers, has been featured in publications both nationally and internationally. The firm is one of only 15 dealers in the United States to be a member of the prestigious Syndicat National des Antiquaires (SNA). It is also a member of the Confédération Internationale des Négociants en Oeuvres d’Art (CINOA) and The Art and Antique Dealers League of America for which Mary Helen serves on the Board of Directors.

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